

**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**ORDINANCE NO.2002-23**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**CREATING A NEW SECTION 14-3.10(E) SFCC 1987 REGARDING REQUIRED  
BUILDING PERMITS FOR GRADING.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:**

**Section 1. A new Section 14-3.10(E) SFCC 1987 is ordained to read:**

**(E) [NEWMATERIAL]Building Permits for Grading**

(1) No person shall do any clearing, grubbing or grading of land within the boundaries of the City without first receiving a grading permit. Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, all projects shall comply with § 14-8.12 Prairie Dog Regulations and may be subject to an archaeological review under §14-3.13. Minimum standards and submittal requirements for grading permits are provided in §14-8.2(D).

(2) A grading permit shall be required for:

- a) All development that is subject to the requirements of §§14-8.2(F), 14-8.2(G), and 14-8.2(H);
- b) Work within an arroyo or drainageway which may in the natural course of events lead to changes in flow characteristics, including but not limited to earthwork, construction of drainage devices or erosion control devices, removal of substantial trees, and modifications of arroyo or drainageway bank; or bottom, in

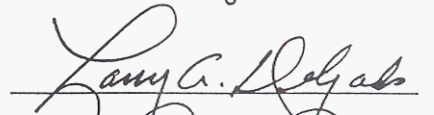
addition to state or federal permits that may be required;

- c) Grading and paving for all driveways and roads except as exempt under § 14-8.2(E);
- (d) Utility trenching for all commercial and public projects; and
- (e) Any of the following individual activities:
  - (i) Removal of more than 25% of significant trees or grass coverage on a site;
  - (ii) Ground disturbance of more than 50% of a site; or
  - (iii) Ground disturbance greater than 5,000 square feet.

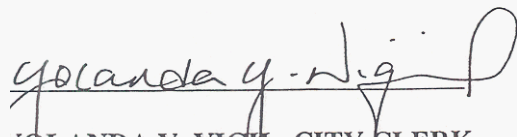
(3) A grading permit is not required for:

- (a) Projects that qualify as minor development under § 14-8.2(E);
- b) Excavation for basements and building footings below finished grade or retaining walls authorized by a valid building permit;
- c) Removal, trimming, or replacement of streambed vegetation that does not alter the channel shape and does not require or result in mechanized earth moving;
- (d) Refuse disposal sites controlled by other regulations,
- (e) Cemetery graves;
- (f) Excavation for wells; and
- (g) Exploratory excavations under the direction of archaeologists, soil engineers or engineering geologists.

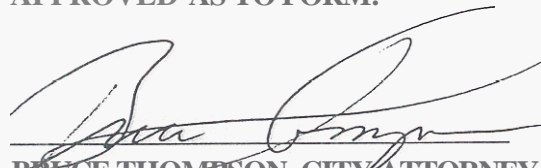
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day May, 2002.

  
LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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8 BRUCE THOMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY  
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